

HOUSE BILL 3489

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14; Title 43; Title 44 and Title 53,  
Chapter 7, relative to the slaughter of equine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

53-7-1\_\_.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is unlawful for any person to slaughter a horse if that person knows or should know that any of the horse meat will be used for human consumption.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is unlawful for any person to possess, to import into or export from this state, or to sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept any horse meat if that person knows or should know that the horse meat will be used for human consumption.

(c) Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

(d) This section shall not apply to:

- (1) Any commonly accepted noncommercial, recreational, or sporting activity;
- (2) Any existing laws which relate to horse taxes or zoning; or
- (3) The processing of food producing animals other than those of the equine genus.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.